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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A device for defining control system participants, comprising:

a control system configured to control a printing machine, said control system including a central computer and a plurality of neutral participants, said participants interacting with said central computer in order to carry out processes;

a bus system including lines, said participants being connected to one another via said lines of said bus system;

said lines of said bus system and said participants having respective plugs connecting said lines to said participants; and

at least given ones said plugs of said lines of said bus system having reserved plug contacts, said reserved plug contacts being provided with at least one galvanic link. Applic. No.: 10/006,580 Amdt. Dated January 20, 2006

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Claim 2 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said at least one galvanic link is connected to a given voltage potential.

Claim 3 (original). The device according to claim 1, wherein said reserved plug contacts are free connections of a respective one of said plugs, said at least one galvanic link is fitted to said free connections.

Claim 4 (original). In combination with a printing machine including a control system with a central computer, a device for defining control system participants, comprising:

a plurality of participants interacting with the central computer in order to carry out processes;

a bus system including lines, said participants being connected to one another via said lines of said bus system;

said lines of said bus system and said participants having respective plugs connecting said lines to said participants; and

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at least given ones said plugs of said lines of said bus system having reserved plug contacts, said reserved plug contacts being provided with at least one galvanic link.

Claim 5 (original). The device according to claim 4, wherein said at least one galvanic link is connected to a given voltage potential.

Claim 6 (original). The device according to claim 4, wherein said reserved plug contacts are free connections of a respective one of said plugs, said at least one galvanic link is fitted to said free connections.